



Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget

Sarah Copeland Hanzas Secretary of State

The Secretary of State's office promotes public trust, enables good government, and protects the public by:

Business Services Division

 Providing the business community and public with easy access to information about business registration and doing business in Vermont

Elections Division

Preserving the integrity of campaigns, voter registration, and elections

Office of Professional Regulation (OPR)

 Protecting the public through streamlined, focused regulation of licensed professionals to prevent unethical, incompetent, or unprofessional practitioners

Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA)

Protecting, preserving, providing, and promoting Vermont public records

Municipal & Civics Education

 Promoting and strengthening positive state-local interactions by providing information, assistance, and educational materials related to municipal and open government laws through Municipal Programs



<u>Business Services Division:</u> Registration, renewals, and related filings for domestic and foreign business organizations operating in this State.

- UCC filings and related services
- Registration, renewals, and related filings for data brokers, telemarketers, and amusement ride operators
- In Fiscal Year 2024, the five-person Division processed 125,224 filings, including 13,942 new business formations, 66,792 annual and biannual reports, and 15,987 UCC filings
- Total revenue collected in Fiscal Year 2024: \$9.1 million

<u>Elections & Campaign Finance:</u> Oversight of state and federal elections in concert with local election officials.

- Promotes voter registration and participation
- Administers campaign finance and lobbyist disclosure laws





Office of Professional Regulation: Protects the public through the effective regulation of over 53 profession types and 82,354 licensees in FY24.

- Investigates and prosecutes complaints of unlicensed or unprofessional conduct, 925 complaints were received in FY24
- Executed 231 inspections in FY24 of regulated facilities, including pharmacies and funeral homes
- Assures licensing standards are current and promotes safe and effective practice
- Reducing barriers to licensure efforts include:
 - Adoption of Compacts
- Onboarding new licensure programs

Civics: Promotes civics education and civic participation by citizens of all ages.

- Public Engagement for Vermont's first Civic Health Index
- Strengthening partnerships to expand voter education and access across the state
- Developing civics resources for K-12 teachers to utilize in Vermont classrooms







<u>Vermont State Archives & Records Administration:</u> Preserves, promotes, protects, and provides accurate, authentic, and reliable records and information through our expert programs and services and our partnerships with Vermont government and communities.

Statewide Records and Information Management Program for state and local government (1 V.S.A. § 317a; and 3 V.S.A. § 117)

- Policies governing the life cycle management, retention, and disposition of all public records
- Information governance frameworks, standards and best practices
- Assistance to public officials and employees in establishing internal records management programs
- Manage State Records Center, State Archives Vaults, and Digital Archives (VT Re•tain)
- Preserve and provide access to permanent state records in the archives

Administrative and Statutory Services

- Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Clerk
- Issuing agent for vital records (18 V.S.A. § 5000)
- Legislative Clerk and publisher for Acts and Resolves and Legislative Directory (3 V.S.A. § 107)
- Municipal and School District Formations (Titles 16 and 24)
- State Boards and Commissions Registrar (3 V.S.A. § 116a)

Vermont Historical Records Program (36 CFR, Part 1206)

- Administers Federal grants for statewide archival services
- Assistance to nonprofit Vermont historical records repositories





<u>Municipal Assistance</u>: Provides information and education to local officials and members of the public regarding open government and municipal matters.

- Municipal inquiries average over 125 per month (about 1500 inquiries in 2024)
- Publishes municipal handbooks and provides training

<u>Safe at Home:</u> Currently serving 200 people who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, providers of legally protected healthcare (reproductive and gender-affirming care), and patients of legally protected healthcare.

- Address confidentiality program provides clients with a substitute mailing address for use when creating records with local and state agencies
- Founding member of the National Association of Confidential Address Programs (NACAP, www.nacap.org) in 2016.
 The Vermont SAH team attends the conference annually, and met with the group in Des Moines, IA in September of 2024
- We are in the process of modernizing the program with a new IT system and promoting and reinvigorating the program with new and traditional stakeholders. We expect the new SAH online portal to go live in early 2025

<u>Temporary Officiant Program:</u> 18 V.S.A. § 5144a allows the Vermont Secretary of State to authorize individuals to officiate at specific marriages in Vermont.

In FY24 we collected \$194,340 in fees



Secretary of State Funding Sources

SPECIAL FUNDS:

1) 21928 – SOS Service Fund: This fund is composed primarily of Corporation fees. Pays 100% of the salary and benefits for 6 positions in Business Services; 6 positions in Elections; 20 positions in VSARA; and the majority of Executive and Administrative Services staff and Administration

<u>FY25 Budget Relief</u> - The estimated FY25 budget is \$10,025,864. This *decrease* of \$1,549,773 is due to:

- Deployment of Business Filing System, Lobbying Management, and Campaign Finance IT builds
- These reductions *supersede* the increased pressures from:
 - Salary and benefit contractual increases;
 - Election clerk materials;
 - Continued infrastructure to the Election Management System
- **2) 21150 OPR Fund:** This fund is composed of licensure fees. Per statute, cannot be used for costs outside of professional licensing. Funds 40 FTE's of OPR Division and task-based activities tracked through timesheet reporting of Executive & Division of Administrative Services.

<u>FY25 Budget Pressures</u> - The estimated FY25 budget is \$9,117,870. This is an *increase* of \$783,021 is due to:

- Salary and benefit contractual increases (\$562,000);
- Implementation of new programs;
- Compacts that reduce the number of professionals licensed in Vermont



Secretary of State Funding Sources, continued

ELECTION-RELATED FEDERAL FUNDS: These grants have been used to support the Elections Division's work. We are doubtful the grants will be re-authorized. We will continue to look for fund availability and support on the Federal level.

HAVA EAC Funds – Per Federal law to be used for specific costs related to federal elections and security.

- Spend-down on a large portion of the remaining grants has occurred in FY'24 and '25 for election system upgrades.
- Match requirements for these grants have been met.
- Security Grant of \$6M grant funds remaining including interest earned.

 1. Original Grant of 9,000,000
 - - Funded post-election audit of all general elections since 2018, and will fund the post-election audit for the 2025 Presidential and General Election;
 - Ongoing penetration testing;
 - Implemented two-factor authentication for all state and local users of the Vermont Election Management System;
 - Produced and distributed an informational laminated poster on the accessible voting system for clerks to hang in their polling places;
 - Training on accessible voting system for regional and municipal officials;
 - Ongoing secure the human online cyber-security webinars for town and city clerks
 - Continued funding of the procurement of secure ballot drop boxes, per 17 V.S.A. § 2543a



Secretary of State Funding Sources, continued

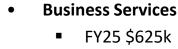
- 2. Title II Sec. 251 original grant of \$12.9M, the spending of both principal and interest is complete and in the close-out phase. SOS does not have any more monies related to the grant.
- **3. DOD Electronic Absentee Systems for Elections Grant of \$645,656** with \$48,340 grant funds remaining. This is the newest grant (Summer 2023) for our elections work.
 - Security Grant provides 100% funding of Voter Accessibility Project, federally mandated;
 - Saving the state money versus the previous old antiquated analog system.
 - This grant funds the State's online portal that allows military and overseas voters to request and receive an absentee ballot promptly, as required by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)

WARNING ABOUT ELECTION-RELATED FEDERAL FUNDS: These three grants have historically funded 60% of our Election efforts.

- HAVA EAC funds have recently been renewed in the Security grant earning about \$1m per year with \$200k match. It is unclear whether that will continue.
- HAVA EAC §251 grant has not been funded since 2018 and is not expected to renew.
- DOD EASE grant has completed all efforts on this grant agreement and is not expected to renew.



Ongoing IT Projects



- Remainder of deliverables and training

■ FY26 \$356k

 Software licensing and hosting

• Safe at Home

FY25 \$29,700

- Deliverables and hosting

FY26 \$30,936

 Software licensing and hosting

 Next Generation Licensing Platform (NGLP)

■ FY25 \$1.3m

- Completing build-out phase

■ FY26 \$1.1m

 Maintenance, hosting, and support

Election Management

■ FY25 \$798k

 Remainder of deliverables, deployment, and hosting

■ FY26 \$725k

 Post-implementation, hosting, and support and maintenance

Campaign Finance

FY25 \$30k

 UAT, data conversion, training, and deployment

FY26 \$20k

Hosting and support and maintenance

Lobbying

FY25 \$147k

 Deployment and postimplementation

FY26 \$65k

Hosting and support and maintenance



VAN's General Fund Allocation Request

The Request:

FY26 - \$1.35 Million

FY27 - \$1.8 Million

FY28 - \$2 Million

VAN's funding plan, administered through the Secretary of State's office, helps community media centers to meet needs and interests in all corners of the state.

Vermont Access Network (VAN) is a nonprofit membership organization established to promote the effective operation and advancement of Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access Television Centers around the state. VAN connects, supports, and advocates for these 24 Centers, which operate more than 80 local cable channels across Vermont.





Items not currently in the SOS FY26 Budget

Items Not Dependent on Legislation:

- Voter Guide (GF allocation)
- 2 Position Requests
- Items Dependent on Legislation:
 - Early Childhood Educators:
 - Allocation to cover establishing the profession
 - License fee reimbursement for the first two cycles of
 - Doulas
 - Allocation to cover establishing the profession

Voter Guide

In November 2024, SOS created Vermont's first voter guide. It provided ballot-specific information about every candidate on a voter's ballot

 The first voter guide was digital, requiring computer or mobile access

For November 2026, SOS plans to mail a ballot-specific voter guide to *each* household of registered Vermont voters

- The cost of this initiative is not budgeted currently.
- SOS is requesting an GF allocation of 1.5 Million.
 - Mailer approx. \$500K
 - Postage approx. \$1M



2 New Position Requests

Paralegal for Municipal Assistance Program

- The complexity of questions has increased
- Changes in laws create significant inquiries
- SOS is required to provide training on OML and many entities are asking for additional trainings
- SOS included this in our Budget Up/downs

Executive Officer for Mental Health Professions

- OPR was asked for a Mental Health Regulatory Review.
- Given the complexity of the licensure pathway, an EO is necessary
- This recommendation had not been fully made when SOS prepared the Budget Up/Downs
- SOS requests a GF allocation (170K)

GF Requests re: Sunrise Professions

- Early Childhood Educators
 - IT setup, Rulemaking, and setting up the Board (\$45,000)
 - 2 Positions in FY26
 - Executive Officer & Staff Attorney (\$262,000)
 - We will ask for more positions in FY27.
 - 2 cycles of Licensure reimbursement (1.3 M)
- Doulas
 - IT implementation and rulemaking (25K)



Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Development Form: Secretary of State									
	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Federal \$\$	Total \$\$					
Approp #1 [2230010000]: Secretary of State FY 2025 Approp	1,000,000	19,922,486	7,016,412	27,938,898					
Other Changes: (Please insert changes to your base appropriation that				-					
occurred after the passage of the FY24 budget]									
FY 2025 Other Changes	_	-	-	-					
Total Approp. After FY 2025 Other Changes	1,000,000	19,922,486	7,016,412	27,938,898					
CURRENT SERVICE LEVEL/CURRENT LAW	350,000	2,430,767	1,135,405	3,916,172					
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Personal Services	-	1,471,816	41,282	1,513,098					
500000: Salary & Wages: Classified Employees 500010: Salary & Wages: Exempt Employees		576,885	31,888	608,773					
501500: Health Insurance: Classified Employees		413,862	5.922	419,784					
501510: Health Insurances: Exempt Employees		413,002	5,522	413,104					
502000: Retirement: Classified Employees		299,741	9,183	308,924					
502010: Retirement: Exempt Employees		255,141	0,100	300,324					
All Other Employee Payroll Related Fringe Benefits		49,438	2,838	52,276					
504040: VT Family & Medical Leave Insurance Premium		3.353	118	3,471					
504045: Child Care Contribution		10,190	140	10,330					
505200: Workers' Compensation Insurance Premium		18,347	(8,807)	9,540					
508000: Vacancy Turnover Savings		-		-					
Temp: Paralegal		100,000		100,000					
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Operating Expenses	-	958,951	1,094,123	2,053,074					
515010: Fee-for-Space Charge		(72,065)	(12,359)	(84,424)					
516000: Insurance Other Than Employee Benefits		485	(454)	31					
516010: Insurance - General Liability		6,246	(3,278)	2,968					
516671: VISION/ISD		16,345	(8,114)	8,231					
516685: ADS Allocated Charge		21,675	(9,287)	12,388					
519006: Human Resources Services		5,227	(6,802)	(1,575)					
523620: Single Audit Allocation		1,038	(640)	398					
Elections clerks material and postcard mailers		580,000		580,000					
Contracts				-					
Elections Management System		400,000	530,621	930,621					
OPR NGLP Data File Feed			346,731	346,731					
DOD EASE Overseas Voting			257,705	257,705					
Grants	350,000	-	-	350,000					
VAN Grant	350,000			350,000					



Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Development Form: Secretary of State										
	General \$\$	Special \$\$	Federal \$\$	Total \$\$						
REDUCTIONS TO TARGET		(3,197,519)	(1,445,413)	(4,642,932)						
Personal Services	-	-	-	-						
Operating Expenses	-	(3,197,519)	-	(3,197,519)						
Contracts				-						
Business Services Filing System Maint Phase		(2,627,543)		(2,627,543)						
Elections Lobby and Campaign Finance Maint Phase		(569,976)		(569,976)						
Grants	-	-	(1,445,413)	(1,445,413)						
§251 Grant Closeout			(1,445,413)	(1,445,413)						
Subtotal of Increases/Decreases	350,000	(766,752)	(310,008)	(726,760)						
FY 2026 Governor Recommend	1,350,000	19,155,734	6,706,404	27,212,138						
FY 2026 Governor Recommend Target	1,030,000	19,922,486	7,016,412	27,968,898						
FY 2026 Target vs. Recommend	(320,000)	766,752	310,008	756,760						
Secretary of State FY 2025 Appropriation	1,000,000	19,922,486	7,016,412	27,938,898						
Reductions and Other Changes	-	-	-	-						
FY 2025 Total After Other Changes	1,000,000	19,922,486	7,016,412	27,938,898						
TOTAL INCREASES/DECREASES	350,000	(766,752)	(310,008)	(726,760)						
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		FY 2026 Goven	or's Recommen	ded Budget: Det	ail Report		
Organization: 2230010000 - Secret	ary of State				•		
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Budget Object Group: 1. PERS	ONAL SERVICE	:5					
Salaries and Wages		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	FY2025 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed	Percent Change FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code						
Classified Employees	500000	6,536,149	5,311,342	5,311,342	5,940,770	629,428	11.9%
Exempt	500010	-	1,229,883	1,229,883	1,209,228	(20,655)	-1.7%
Overtime	500060	9,184	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Shift Differential	500070	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total: Salaries and Wages		6,545,333	6,541,225	6,541,225	7,149,998	608,773	9.3%
Fringe Benefits		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	FY2025 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget	Recommend and	Percent Change FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code		_	_	_		
FICA - Classified Employees	501000	474,852	406,324	406,324	454,467	48,143	11.8%
FICA - Exempt	501010	-	94,088	94,088	92,505	(1,583)	-1.7%
Health Ins - Classified Empl	501500	1,405,437	1,414,838	1,414,838	1,703,365	288,527	20.4%
Health Ins - Exempt	501510	-	198,954	198,954	330,211	131,257	66.0%
Retirement - Classified Empl	502000	1,675,629	1,418,127	1,418,127	1,710,941	292,814	20.6%
Retirement - Exempt	502010	-	270,387	270,387	286,497	16,110	6.0%
Dental - Classified Employees	502500	64,261	60,563	60,563	61,417	854	1.4%
Dental - Exempt	502510	-	7,677	7,677	10,237	2,560	33.3%
Life Ins - Classified Empl	503000	28,224	22,889	22,889	22,300	(589)	-2.6%
Life Ins - Exempt	503010	-	6,160	6,160	5,199	(961)	-15.6%
LTD - Classified Employees	503500	3,347	2,354	2,354	2,413	59	2.5%
LTD - Exempt	503510	-	2,067	2,067	2,030	(37)	-1.8%
EAP - Classified Empl	504000	2,702	2,414	2,414	2,702	288	11.9%
EAP - Exempt	504010	-	408	408	445	37	9.1%
FMLI	504040	-	22,464	22,464	25,935	3,471	15.5%
Child Care Contribution Exp	504045	-	20,420	20,420	30,750	10,330	50.6%
Employee Tuition Costs	504530	-	-	-	3,200	3,200	100.0%
Workers Comp - Ins Premium	505200	98,064	96,729	96,729	106,270	9,541	9.9%
Unemployment Compensation	505500	-	3,500	3,500	3,605	105	3.0%
Total: Fringe Benefits		3,752,516	4,050,363	4,050,363	4,854,489	804,126	19.9%



		FY 2026 Govern	or's Recommend	ded Budget: Det	ail Report		
Organization: 2230010000 - Secretary of	State			3			
Contracted and 3rd Party Service		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	FY2025 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommend and	Recommend and
Description	Code						
Contr & 3Rd Party - Legal	507200	70,424	31,017	31,017	64,865	33,848	109.1%
Contr&3Rd Pty-Appr/Engineering	507300	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contr&3Rd Pty-Educ & Training	507350	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
IT Contracts - Servers	507543	-	4,962	4,962	-	(4,962)	-100.0%
IT Contracts - Storage	507544	124,300	120,000	120,000	-	(120,000)	-100.0%
Contr&3Rd Pty - Info Tech	507550	4,254	66,539	66,539	4,500	(62,039)	-93.2%
Creative/Development-Web	507562	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
IT Contracts - Application Development	507565	1,857,703	6,657,420	6,657,420	3,626,336	(3,031,084)	-45.5%
IT Contracts - Application Support	507566	1,256,508	122,016	122,016	584,000	461,984	378.6%
Other Contr and 3Rd Pty Serv	507600	1,038,858	4,638,236	4,638,236	5,212,201	573,965	12.4%
In-Person Foreign Lang Interp	507616	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total: Contracted and 3rd Party Service		4,352,046	11,640,190	11,640,190	9,491,902	(2,148,288)	-18.5%
				FY2025	FY2026	Difference Between	Percent Change
PerDiem and Other Personal Services		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	FY2025 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommend and	Recommend and
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	Code 505700	FY2024 Actuals 629	As Passed	Governor's BAA Recommended	Governor's Recommended	FY2026 Governor's Recommend and	FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
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Organization: 2230010000 - Secretary of	State						
IT/Telecom Services and Equipment		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	FY2025 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommend and	Percent Change FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code						
Software-License-ApplicaSupprt	516551	23,138	208,909	208,909	72,702	(136,207)	-65.2%
Software-License-ApplicaDevel	516552	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Software-License-Security	516554	190,771	166,911	166,911	200,270	33,359	20.0%
Software-License-Storage	516558	51,424	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Software-License-DeskLaptop PC	516559	-	46,532	46,532	46,532	-	0.0%
Communications	516600	_	-	-	-	-	0.0%
ADS VOIP Expense	516605	_	4.358	4.358	-	(4.358)	-100.0%
Internet	516620	-	112	112	-	(112)	-100.0%
Voice Network - Connectivity	516628	21,196	19.083	19.083	23.629	4.546	23.8%
Telecom-Telephone Services	516652	18,199	20,536	20,536	16,680	(3,856)	-18.8%
Telecom-Conf Calling Services	516658	-	1.059	1,059	-	(1,059)	
Telecom-Wireless Phone Service	516659	74	-	-	-	-	0.0%
ADS Enterp App Supp SOV Emp Exp	516660	134,255	56.078	56.078	200,198	144,120	257.0%
ADS App Support SOV Emp Exp	516661	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
ADS End User Computing Exp.	516662	_	-	-	-	_	0.0%
ADS Hosting Charges	516663	_	2.482	2.482	_	(2,482)	-100.0%
ADS Security SOV Employee Exp.	516665	2,860	-,	-,	_	- (=, -=-)	0.0%
ADS EA SOV Employee Expense	516667	12,144	15.000	15,000	4.154	(10.846)	
It Intsvccost-Vision/Isdassess	516671	90,151	92,851	92,851	91,831	(1,020)	
ADS Centrex Exp.	516672	2,691	4,235	4,235	4,380	145	3.4%
ADS PM SOV Employee Expense	516683	258,566	85,000	85,000	-	(85,000)	
ADS Allocation Exp.	516685	100,476	106,266	106,266	118,654	12,388	11.7%
ADS Project Mgmt Contracts	516690	79,457	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Software as a Service	519085	305,471	260,366	260,366	293,916	33.550	12.9%
Hw - Computer Peripherals	522201	18,417	54,373	54,373	1,000	(53,373)	-98.2%
Hardware - Desktop & Laptop Pc	522216	34,170	48.961	48,961	23,547	(25,414)	
Hw - Printers.Copiers.Scanners	522217	449	500	500	,	(500)	
Sw-Mainframe Environment	522228	-	500	500	_	(500)	-100.0%
Hw-Mobile&Portable 2 Way Radio	522252	_	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Hw-Video Conferencing	522260	13.348	-	-	-	_	0.0%
Hardware - Application Support	522270	-	_	-	_	-	0.0%
Hardware - Security	522272	4.188	18.078	18.078	_	(18.078)	-100.0%
Hardware - Data Network	522273	21	-	-	_	-	0.0%
Software-Application Development	522283	-	288,216	288,216	-	(288,216)	
Software - Data Network	522285	-	10,522	10,522	-	(10,522)	
Software - Storage	522290	-	80,000	80,000	12.600	(67,400)	
Total: IT/Telecom Services and Equipment		1,361,466	1,590,928	1,590,928	1,110,093	(480,835)	



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Organization: 2230010000 - Secretary of	f State				-		
IT Repair and Maintenance Services		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	FY2025 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommend and	Percent Change FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code						
Repair & Maint - Office Tech	513010	8,372	5,832	5,832	6,250	418	7.2%
Hardware-Rep&Maint-Mainframe	513030	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Hardware-Rep&Maint-Security	513040	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Software-Rep&Maint-ApplicaSupp	513050	387,950	9,096	9,096	256,315	247,219	2,717.9%
Total: IT Repair and Maintenance Services		396,322	14,928	14,928	262,565	247,637	1,658.9%
Other Operating Expenses		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	FY2025 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommend and	Percent Change FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code						
Promotional Materials	523050	1,643	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Single Audit Allocation	523620	7,287	7,320	7,320	7,718	398	5.4%
Claims/Small Claims	523840	6,597	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Bank Service Charges	524000	397,498	370,590	370,590	425,887	55,297	14.9%
Fleet	524544	10,878	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Self Insured Claims	526000	(270)	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total: Other Operating Expenses		423,633	377,910	377,910	433,605	55,695	14.7%
Other Rental		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	FY2025 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommend and	Percent Change FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code						
Rental of Equipment & Vehicles	514500	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Rental - Auto	514550	62,101	77,268	77,268	67,470	(9,798)	-12.7%
Rental - Office Equipment	514650	4,511	4,877	4,877	3,325	(1,552)	-31.8%
Rental - Other	515000	9,366	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total: Other Rental		75,978	82,145	82,145	70,795	(11,350)	-13.8%



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Organization: 2230010000 - Secreta	ry of State			_			
Other Purchased Services		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	Governor's Recommended Budget	Recommend and	FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code						
Insurance Other Than Empl Bene	516000	6,420	5,198	5,198	5,230	32	0.6%
Insurance - General Liability	516010	38,006	37,562	37,562	40,530	2,968	7.9%
Insurance - Auto	516020	217	-	-	178	178	100.0%
Dues	516500	150,522	81,525	81,525	77,410	(4,115)	-5.0%
Licenses	516550	3,244	1,943	1,943	2,118	175	9.0%
Advertising-Tv	516811	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Advertising-Radio	516812	1,272	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Advertising-Print	516813	122,020	80,187	80,187	95,000	14,813	18.5%
Advertising-Web	516814	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Advertising - Job Vacancies	516820	-	662	662	-	(662)	-100.0%
Sponsorships	516872	108	10,125	10,125	17,625	7,500	74.1%
Printing and Binding	517000	62,064	290,942	290,942	44,500	(246,442)	-84.7%
Printing & Binding-Bgs Copy Ct	517005	10,887	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Printing-Promotional	517010	5,514	150,000	150,000	25,000	(125,000)	-83.3%
Photocopying	517020	(2,195)	1,500	1,500	-	(1,500)	-100.0%
Registration For Meetings&Conf	517100	14,561	13,675	13,675	20,000	6,325	46.3%
Training - Info Tech	517110	300	725	725	-	(725)	-100.0%
Empl Train & Background Checks	517120	738	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Postage	517200	3,385	5,039	5,039	189,500	184,461	3,660.7%
Postage - Bgs Postal Svcs Only	517205	38,972	21,813	21,813	22,230	417	1.9%
Freight & Express Mail	517300	10,603	7,993	7,993	11,000	3,007	37.6%
Instate Conf, Meetings, Etc	517400	1,499	112,062	112,062	15,000	(97,062)	-86.6%
Catering-Meals-Cost	517410	1,998	7,575	7,575	1,350	(6,225)	-82.2%
Outside Conf, Meetings, Etc	517500	-	6,000	6,000	10,000	4,000	66.7%
Witnesses	518355	7,230	2,500	2,500	-	(2,500)	-100.0%
Other Purchased Services	519000	2,760	163,859	163,859	-	(163,859)	
Human Resources Services	519006	66,220	77,854	77,854	76,279	(1,575)	
Moving State Agencies	519040	2,562	-	· -	-	-	0.0%
Mail Labeling, Tabbing, Etc.	519050	39,470	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total: Other Purchased Services		588,376	1,078,739	1,078,739	652,950	(425,789)	-39.5%



		FY 2026 Goven	or's Recommend	ded Budget: Det	tail Report		
Organization: 2230010000 - Secretary o	f State				Recommended		
Property and Maintenance		FY2024 Actuals	AS Passeu Budget		Budget	FY2025 As Passed	FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code						
Disposal	510200	334	300	300	460	160	53.3%
Recycling	510220	8,766	12,910	12,910	12,910	-	0.0%
Rep&Maint-Grds & Constr Equip	512400	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Repair&Maint-Non-Info Tech Equ	513100	1,126	468	468	250	(218)	-46.6%
Repair&Maint-Postage Meters	513102	-	700	700	-	(700)	-100.0%
Other Repair & Maint Serv	513200	9,535	3,000	3,000	9,500	6,500	216.7%
Total: Property and Maintenance		19,761	17,378	17,378	23,120	5,742	33.0%
Property Rental		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	FY2025 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed	Percent Change FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code			_			
Rent Land & Bldgs-Office Space	514000	318,556	343,536	343,536	437,352	93,816	27.3%
Rent Land&Bldgs-Non-Office	514010	641	100	100	-	(100)	-100.0%
Fee-For-Space Charge	515010	415,233	427,795	427,795	409,457	(18,338)	-4.3%
Total: Property Rental		734,430	771,431	771,431	846,809	75,378	9.8%
Supplies		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	FY2025 Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget		Percent Change FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code						
Office Supplies	520000	32,384	33,024	33,024	34,800	1,776	5.4%
Stationary & Envelopes	520015	159,769	100,191	100,191	161,250	61,059	60.9%
Vehicle & Equip Supplies&Fuel	520100	110	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Gasoline	520110	10,004	11,646	11,646	11,341	(305)	-2.6%
Other General Supplies	520500	109,032	1,350	1,350	500,750	499,400	36,992.6%
Ammunition, New, All Types	520501	-	552	552	500	(52)	-9.4%
Work Boots & Shoes	520521	395	450	450	450	-	0.0%
Educational Supplies	520540	115	-	-	30,000	30,000	100.0%
Agric, Hort, Wildlife	520580	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Fire, Protection & Safety	520590	113	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Recognition/Awards	520600	380	-	-	180	180	100.0%
Food	520700	4,809	500	500	1,500	1,000	200.0%
Water	520712	672	501	501	489	(12)	-2.4%
Books&Periodicals-Library/Educ	521500	1,697	1,265	1,265	250	(1,015)	-80.2%
Subscriptions	521510	12,868	2,302	2,302	10,280	7,978	346.6%
Other Books & Periodicals	521520	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Paper Products	521820	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total: Supplies		332,348	151,781	151,781	751,790	600,009	395.3%

Organization: 2230010000 - Secretary of	State			ded Budget: Det			
Travel	State	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	Governor's BAA Recommended Budget	Governor's Recommended Budget	Recommend and	FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code						
Travel-Inst-Auto Mileage-Emp	518000	4,941	6,220	6,220	3,250	(2,970)	-47.7%
Travel-Inst-Other Transp-Emp	518010	-	1,500	1,500	5,000	3,500	233.3%
Travel-Inst-Meals-Emp	518020	484	-	-	1,600	1,600	100.0%
Travel-Inst-Lodging-Emp	518030	-	9,677	9,677	4,800	(4,877)	-50.4%
Travel-Inst-Incidentals-Emp	518040	58	-	-	500	500	100.0%
Travl-Inst-Auto Mileage-Nonemp	518300	-	29,030	29,030	-	(29,030)	-100.0%
Conference - Instate - Non Emp	518350	2,462	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Travel-Outst-Auto Mileage-Emp	518500	598	5,211	5,211	-	(5,211)	-100.0%
Travel-Outst-Other Trans-Emp	518510	7,364	15,943	15,943	500	(15,443)	-96.9%
Travel-Outst-Meals-Emp	518520	1,360	1,555	1,555	-	(1,555)	-100.0%
Travel-Outst-Lodging-Emp	518530	15,278	4,564	4,564	525	(4,039)	-88.5%
Travel-Outst-Incidentals-Emp	518540	939	516	516	50	(466)	-90.3%
Total: Travel		33,484	74,216	74,216	16,225	(57,991)	-78.1%
Total: 2. OPERATING		4,122,792	4,345,999	4,345,999	4,242,952	(103,047)	-2.4%
Budget Object Group: 3. GRANTS							
Grants Rollup			FY2025 Original As Passed Budget		FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget	Recommend and	Percent Change FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed
Description	Code						
Other Grants	550500	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,350,000	350,000	35.0%
Total: Grants Rollup		-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,350,000	350,000	35.0%
Total: 3. GRANTS		-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,350,000	350,000	35.0%
Total Expenditures		18,879,778	27,938,898	27,938,898	27,212,138	(726,760)	-2.6%
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Organization: 2230010000 - Secreta	ary of State						
Fund Name	Fund Code	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Original As Passed Budget	Recommended	FY2026 Governor's Recommended Budget	Difference Between FY2026 Governor's Recommend and FY2025 As Passed	FY2026 Governor's Recommend and
General Fund	10000	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,350,000	350,000	35.0%
Prof Regulatory Fee Fund	21150	7,521,689	8,334,849	8,334,849	9,117,870	783,021	9.4%
Funeral & Burial Service Trust	21165	6,597	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Public Records Special Fund	21595	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	-	0.0%
SOS-Services Fund	21928	8,418,370	11,575,637	11,575,637	10,025,864	(1,549,773)	-13.4%
Federal Revenue Fund	22005	491,634	40,000	40,000	656,315	616,315	1,540.8%
Fed Election Reform HAVA 2002	22025	2,158,361	1,445,413	1,445,413	-	(1,445,413)	-100.0%
Coronavirus Relief Fund	22045	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
2020 HAVA EAC	22065	271,127	5,530,999	5,530,999	6,050,089	519,090	9.4%
HAVA CARES 2020	22070	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Funds Total		18,879,778	27,938,898	27,938,898	27,212,138	(726,760)	-2.6%
Position Count					85		
FTE Total					85		

